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For: **SPECTROPHOTOMETER AND SUBASSEMBLIES THEREOF**

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:


This Response to Restriction Requirement is submitted in response to an initial Office Action dated July 20, 2006 in connection with the above-referenced application. In the Office Action, the Examiner has identified three (3) groups and required election of one such group for purposes of examination herein. The Groups are identified as follows:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a spectrophotometric system, classified in class 356, subclass 236;
- II. Claims 13-16, drawn to an aperture plate detection system, classified in class 356, subclass 329; and
- III. Claim 17, drawn to a zoom lens assembly, classified in class 356, subclass 302.

Applicant hereby elects **Group I** (i.e., claims 1-12) without traverse for examination in the present application. Prompt action on the merits of the present application, based on the foregoing election, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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